

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 65 (MC2013-63)
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No. CP2013-83

**MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF**
(December 13, 2016)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for temporary relief to allow the existing contract in this docket to remain in effect for fifteen (15) additional days. The customer whose competitive product rates were established in this docket wishes to renew its commitment to sending large volumes of Priority Mail for the next year at negotiated rates. By the terms of the contract filed in this docket, and pursuant to Order No. 3612 (November 15, 2016), the current rates will expire on December 22, 2016.

The Postal Service and the customer have now both signed a successor agreement, and the Postal Service expects to file the successor contract with the Commission later this week. However, given the tight timeframe and upcoming holiday season, the Postal Service recognizes that this filing date would not leave the Commission with enough time to approve of the successor contract prior to the expiration of the underlying contract. Therefore, the Postal Service respectfully requests that the Commission grant an additional fifteen (15) day extension to allow the existing contract to remain in effect, or until such time as the successor contract has been approved by the Commission. Thus, the proposed extension would only last for a finite and relatively short period of time.

In conclusion, for the reasons discussed above, and in consideration of the customers' business continuity, the Postal Service hereby moves for temporary relief to allow the existing contract to remain on the competitive products list for fifteen additional days.

Respectfully submitted,

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